

OPINION 976

PLATYBUNUS C. L. KOCH, 1839 (ARACHNIDA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the genus *Platybunus* C. L. Koch, 1839, made prior to the present Ruling, are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Opilio bucephalus* C. L. Koch, 1835, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Platybunus* C. L. Koch, 1839 (gender: masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Opilio bucephalus* C. L. Koch, 1835, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1957.

(3) The specific name *bucephalus* C. L. Koch, 1835, as published in the binomen *Opilio bucephalus* (type-species of *Platybunus* C. L. Koch, 1839) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2471.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1881)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Wojciech Starega in February 1969. Dr. Starega's application was sent to the printer on 15 February 1969 and was published on 24 October 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **26** : 164–165. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 June 1971 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (71)9 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **26** : 164–165. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 September 1971 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fifteen (15), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Mayr, Lemche, Melville, Jaczewski, Simpson, Starobogatov, Bonnet, Alvarado, Sabrosky, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Forest, Munroe.

Negative votes—two (2): Binder, Ride.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Kraus.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late affirmative vote. The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Prof. E. Binder (7.vii.71): "This proposal implies a judgement in taxonomy: that *Opilio rufipes* Koch, 1836, is a subjective synonym of *O. bucephalus* Koch, 1835. *Opilio rufipes* Koch should be designated as type-species of *Platybunus*."

Dr. W. D. L. Ride (8.ix.71): "The application for the use of the plenary

powers must fail; the applicant makes no case that stability or universality would be disturbed or that confusion would be caused by the normal application of the Code. One of the two originally included species of *Platybunus* should be identified, by a neotype if necessary."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

bucephalus, *Opilio*, C. L. Koch, 1835, in Panzer, *Ins. Germ.*, heft 128: tab. 21
Platybunus C. L. Koch, 1839, *Uebers. Arachnidensyst.* 2 : 26

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (71)9 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 976.

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Secretary

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London

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